

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 6, 7 and 9 are amended, and claims 3, 5 and 8 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein. Support for the amendments to claim 1 can be found in original claims 3 and 5. Claims 4, 6, 7 and 9 are amended to conform with the amendments to claim 1. No new matter is added.

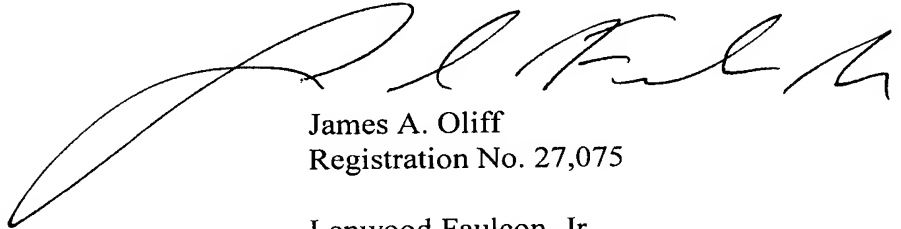
Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Williams in the May 28, 2009 telephone interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

As agreed during the May 28, 2009 telephone interview, the amendments to claims 1, 4, 6, 7 and 9 should be entered under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.312 and MPEP § 714.16 because they (1) are needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention for the reasons discussed during the telephone interview; and (2) will not require substantial additional work by the Examiner because claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9-13 should remain allowed, as agreed during the telephone interview. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the pending claims as amended above.

Applicant also respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the April 13, 2009 Information Disclosure Statement and attached PTO-1449, and return a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 to Applicant's representative.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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